

Men of 77th Join 'Gobs' at Fleet Dance

Official Reception for New York's Own Division Begun at Big Affair Given by W. C. C. S. at 12th Armory

Parade Plans Unchanged

Schedule of Arrivals of the Remaining Units Set Back, but Review Date Stands

Official reception to the men of the Seventy-seventh Division—New York's own—began last night, when the big dance of the War Camp Community Service, arranged for the men of the Victory Fleet, was opened to the men who were in the city on leave from Camp Mills. Hundreds of soldiers mingled with the "gobs" at the 12th Regiment Armory.

To make it as easy as possible for the men of the Liberty Division to see their friends and relatives, Major General Robert Alexander, their commanding officer, announced yesterday that the men would be given 48-hour leave instead of the usual twenty-four.

Fifty per cent of the 305th Infantry, about 1,600 men, were given short leave at noon yesterday. They return to camp at 9 o'clock this morning. The other half will get leave for an equal period at noon today.

Asked whether there would be any change in the date of the parade, General Alexander said at the Biltmore yesterday:

"The preparations are going ahead at full speed. You may be sure that it will be held on the date set, for the 77th Division never changes its plans."

The schedule of arrival for the fleet of swift transports bringing the rest of the division across the Atlantic was moved back a few hours yesterday, but General Alexander was confident that all the men would be here in time to take part in the parade. The new schedule posted yesterday read: Arrive, April 28; Agamemnon, April 29; St. Louis, May 2; and Frederick, May 3.

General Alexander was the guest of honor yesterday at a luncheon at the Links Club, given by Major Allan Lindley, of the advance party of the 77th.

Major General Day, Major General Leitch, Major General Campbell, Major Archibald Thacher, C. C. Bertrand, Olin and Dr. William T. Manning, of Trinity, chairman of the Home Association of the 77th Division, were among the guests.

When a toast was proposed to "the major general of the 77th," General Alexander rose and said:

"I cannot respond to that toast except as a member of the 77th Division. I'm simply a member of the division."

Last Doubt of Parade Of 77th Division Ends By Official Statement

WASHINGTON, April 26.—All doubt that the 77th Division will parade in New York 100 per cent complete was removed today by the official statement of War Secretary, who made this statement:

"The embarkation of the Camp Upton division troops has so far progressed that the War Department is able positively to assure New York that the division will parade 100 per cent complete."

At the same time the War Department announced the sailing of the units of the 77th Division aboard the transport President Grant, due in New York May 9.

The remainder of the 5th Pioneer Infantry, formerly the 4th New York National Guard regiment, also is en route home on the battleship Connecticut, due at Newport News May 5.

The 77th Division units on the President Grant total 128 officers and 4,400 men, as follows:

304th Machine Gun Battalion, complete, 14 officers and 385 men; 302d Ammunition Train, complete, 22 officers and 1,744 men; 302d Train Headquarters, 6 officers and 29 men; Quartermaster Railroad detachment, 3 officers and 25 men; detachment of 304th Field Artillery, 2 officers and 247 men; detachment of 305th Infantry, 12 officers; 302d Sanitary Train, complete, 20 officers and 852 men; 302d Supply Train, complete, 19 officers and 624 men; casual company No. 824, 14 officers and 22 men; detachment of 306th Field Artillery, 4 officers and 236 men.

Camp Upton has been listed as the demobilization center for 164 officers and 3,388 men of the 77th Division, while Camp Dix will get one officer and 221 men. The remainder will go to other camps, following the New York City parade.

Of the total of 22 officers and 1,074 men in the 3d Battalion Headquarters and Companies H, K, L and M, of the 55d Pioneer Infantry, aboard the Connecticut, 6 officers and 386 men will be sent to Camp Upton and 2 officers and 185 men to Camp Dix for demobilization.

Other troops listed for camps Upton and Dix for muster out, include the following units of the 28th and 82d Divisions:

Aboard the Liberator, due at Philadelphia, May 6—3 officers and 245 men of the 104th Engineer Train; Camp Upton, 10 officers and 741 men of 104th Field Battalion, 103d Supply Train, 103d Engineer Train and 103d Ammunition Train, for Camp Dix.

Aboard the Black Arrow, due at New York, May 6—44 officers and 980 men of 157th Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters, 307th Ammunition Train, Evacuation Hospital No. 34, signal corps casualties and chemical warfare company, for muster out at Camps Upton and Dix.

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77th's Drive Through Argonne Forest

THE 77th Division started its drive through the Argonne Forest at 5:30 a. m., September 26. It was the beginning of an advance that pushed ahead continuously for forty miles to Sedan.

The first day the 77th won three kilometers, the second, two. More and more laborious was its advance as the Germans summoned fresh troops and the terrain became more difficult. By October 2 the division's seven-mile swath had reached Binerville, ten kilometers from the starting point.

That day Major Whittlesey's battalion of deathless memory was hemmed in by the Germans. For six days Whittlesey's men held their ground, refusing to surrender. Then the "lost battalion" was relieved.

October 12 the division reached La Besogne and the next day passed the village of Marcq and the Aire River. It was out of the forest.

69th, in Glad Array, Ready For Early Start to City

First of Troops to Quit Camp Mills at 10:15 Tomorrow; Last Units Clean Up for Reception; Former Army Officer Praises the 77th's Men

CAMP MILLS, April 26.—The 165th Infantry (old 69th) will start for New York beginning at 10:15 on Monday morning, it was announced yesterday. The 3d Battalion and Companies G and H of the 2d Battalion mingled with the men of the 77th Division in the delousing plant today to complete the process by Monday morning. Passes were issued to practically all officers and men today to enable them to attend the ball at the 69th Regiment Armory if they chose.

Nine new silver bands have been added to the staff of the regimental colors, it was announced today, making a total of fifty-nine. Each is engraved with the name of a battle through which the old 69th passed. The bands were manufactured and affixed at Remagen, in Germany. The actions and dates added to the regiment's war history include:

Lunville sector, February 21 to March 23; Baccarat, March 31 to June 4; Espérance, Somme, July 4 to 14; Champagne-Marne, defensive, July 15 to August 3; St. Michel offensive, September 5 to 19; Essey-Pannes sector, September 17 to 30; Meuse-Argonne offensive, October 12 to 24; Meuse-Argonne, second offensive, October 31 to November 10.

Praise for 77th Troops

Brigadier General M. J. Lenihan, of the 153d Infantry Brigade, commanding the troops of the 77th Division now in camp, characterized the men of the division as "the finest race of men in the world" today. He cites examples illustrating the spirit and de-

meanor of the men in the hardest of the fighting. Their predominating aggressiveness, tired, worn, shell-raked, the men of the division, products of every phase of the city's life, pushed ahead every moment. The men are returning to civilian life with confidence, physique and efficiency, he stated.

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69th to Take Its Last Hike To-morrow

Fighting Regiment Receives City's Official Welcome in Parade Up Fifth Avenue, at 2 in the Afternoon

Fighters Are Entertained

Girls Fete Men in Armory and Mayor's Committee Gives Dinner to Officers

To-morrow the city will give its official welcome to the members of the 165th Infantry, including the fighting 69th. At 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, the marching host will start up Fifth Avenue from Washington Arch, and New York will see a sight it has been waiting for ever since the war ended.

While the bustle of preparation for the parade is going on in camp, armory and headquarters, New York to-day is giving another greeting, perhaps more precious, to the 69th. All of the members of the famous organization, officers and men, are in the city today, and it has been dedicated to reunions galore, in which fathers, mothers, "buddies" and sweethearts will act as parties of the second part.

Girls Welcome Fighters

From Camp Mills, where the men are quartered until demobilized, the warriors came flocking into the city late yesterday. They were eager to rejoin their families and friends without delay, but the enthusiastic whirlwind of entertainment mapped out for the tired fighters would not permit.

The men had to repair to the 69th Armory, where the Mayor's Committee of Welcome had made arrangements to entertain them. They were met at the armory by 350 girl workers of the woman's branch of the Mayor's committee, under the direction of Mrs. Nelson H. Henry.

Then the fighters sat down to real home "chow." Everything, from chicken to mineral water, cigars and cigars, was provided. A dance followed. The Police Department had officiated.

Officers Entertained

While the enlisted men were having the time of their lives at the armory the officers were being dined at Sherry's by the Mayor's committee. Rodman Wanamaker, chairman of the committee, presided, and addresses were made by Colonel William J. Donovan, Chaplain Francis P. Duffy, Mayor Hyman and others.

Rodman Wanamaker presented a flag to Colonel Donovan on behalf of the city. The flag was brought into the banquet room by a police guard of honor. Colonel Donovan was "loudly cheered at the acceptance of the flag. He thanked the city's mother for the honors showered upon the 69th since its return."

Honor for Mrs. Donovan

Colonel Donovan was also presented with a golden key, set with 244 diamonds. Mrs. Donovan, who was invited to become the mother of the gold-star mothers of the regiment.

Father Duffy, chaplain of the regiment, was presented with a pair of solid platinum cuff links, set with sapphires. Father Duffy said a short prayer for the dead of the regiment.

At the conclusion of the dinner Marcel Koenig, French High Commissioner to the United States, presented the compliments of the French people to the 69th, and three cheers were given for President Wilson.

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Among the guests were representatives of the Secretaries of War and the Navy, Governor Smith, Major General Robert Alexander, commander of the 77th Division; Major General David C. Shanks, commander of the port of embarkation; Major General Thomas H. Barry, commander of the Eastern Division of the United States army, and Rear Admiral Glennon.

Entertainment at Armory

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Three thousand boxes of cigarettes and about two thousand cigars were distributed by the secretaries of the Knights of Columbus, Cameron Flynn and Paul Hefferan.

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girls of the welfare organization. In handing out sandwiches, doughnuts, cake, cocoa and coffee to 5,000 men an hour. From 20,000 to 25,000 men are being fed each day of the carnival, which will last five days.

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306th in Quarantine; Some Had Temperatures

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General Gately, Whose Big Guns Smashed German Argonne Line, Among Complement on Cruiser

Tide Delays Docking

Pre-Dreadnought Minnesota Has Hard Time Warping into Hoboken Pier

Wingate Takes Office

German Ship Imperator To Become Prize of Allies

Back at Desk; His War Job Finished

Started Two Years Ago to Bring Back German Submarine; He Docked It in Brooklyn Yard Yesterday

Back at his private desk in the office of the Astor estate, Lieutenant Vincent Astor yesterday exchanged his navy job for that of being just a civilian. On the day before, Lieutenant Astor had piloted the German submarine U-117 to a berth in the New York Navy Yard. As he ran up the gangplank to greet his wife he said that, having done as he said he would when he started for the war two years before—brought back a German submarine with him—he was ready to return to private life.

In discussing himself, Lieutenant Astor was like the proverbial clam. He was all enthusiasm over the navy, the prize ship he brought into port, and the part America played in the war. One thing that seemed to puzzle him, however, was why it was considered necessary to bring the U-117 over here to help boost the Victory Loan.

"There shouldn't be any need to boost that loan in any way," said Lieutenant Astor. "I should think the people would be so anxious to show just how proud they are of the part America played in the war they would subscribe the full amount over night."

On the U-117, however, it was possible to find plenty willing and ready to talk to Lieutenant Astor. The consensus of opinion was that he was "a cheerer at the acceptance of the flag. He thanked the city's mother for the honors showered upon the 69th since its return."

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Seven Ships Bringing 13,500 More Troops

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The Black Arrow is due at New York May 6 with headquarters 157th Field Artillery Brigade, headquarters, field veterinary unit and Companies E, F and G, 307th Ammunition Train, third heavy mobile ordnance repair shop, evacuation hospital No. 34, of casual companies and 34 casual officers.

Wingate Takes Office

Brigadier General George A. Wingate, Governor Smith's appointee as Surrogate of Kings County, was sworn in yesterday by his predecessor, Supreme Court Justice Herbert F. Ketchum. It was Justice Ketchum's first official act. The new Surrogate's father, General George W. Wingate, saw him installed.

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